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SUBJ: MOBILE MEDICAL UNITS FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES

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1. UNHCR WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE CONTRIBUTION FROM US IN FORM OF US-OWNED RUPEES FOR PURCHASE AND/OR MAINTENANCE OF MOBILE MEDICAL UNITS.

2. UNHCR ADVISES THAT IT HAS ALREADY ORDERED TEN VEHICLES THROUGH UNICEF. THESE VEHICLES WILL BE MODIFIED FOR MEDICAL USE IN KARACHI. UNHCR SAYS FOUR MOBILE MEDICAL UNITS ARE ALREADY IN PLACE IN PAKISTAN, TWO PROVIDED BY ICRC AND TWO BY NGOS.

3. AS CONCERNS MEDICAL PERSONNEL, UNHCR SAYS THAT PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO RECRUIT LOCALLY 23 MEDICAL DOCTORS AND 30 PARAMEDICAL PERSONNEL. IF THE GOP IS NOT SUCCESSFUL IN RECRUITING THESE PERSONNEL WITHIN ONE MONTH, IT WILL CALL UPON UNHCR TO PROVIDE THEM. UNHCR ALREADY HAS NINE FEMALE DOCTORS IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE. IT SAYS ICRC AND CWS ARE ALSO READY TO PROVIDE SUCH PERSONNEL.

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(UNHCR ASSUMES THAT GOP WILL BE UNABLE TO RECRUIT REQUIRED

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FEMALE MEDICAL PERSONNEL LOCALLY.)

**4. PRECISE COST DATA NOT AVAILABLE WITH UNHCR/GENEVA
PENDING KOHAUT VISIT WEEK OF 17 MARCH. SUGGEST EMBASSY
ISLAMABAD PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION.**

**5. UNHCR CLAIMS NO PRESENT COORDINATION OR COOPERATION
PROBLEMS WITH ICRC ON MEDICAL ACTIVITIES IN PAKISTAN. IT
NOTES THAT SUBCOMMITTEE INCLUDING UNHCR, ICRC, LICROSS,
CWS (REPRESENTING NGOS) GOP MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND JOINT
SECRETARY OF STATES AND FRONTIER REGIONS DIVISION HAS BEEN
FORMED TO DEAL WITH COORDINATION OF HEALTH ASSISTANCE TO
REFUGEES. HELMAN**

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